

ONE POINT*from***לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה ג לפרשת תולדות***~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ז"ל ~***Use these words to fill in the blanks:***** ברכות * 3 * lesson * old * smoke * tears *****IN THE PARSHA:**

When יצחק became old, his eyes became weak. He was unable to see.

רש"י gives ___ explanations as to why this happened:

1. From the _____ of the incense that עשו's wives were burning for their עבודה זרה.
2. The _____ that the מלאכים cried during the עקידה had fallen into יצחק's eyes.
3. Hashem took away his eyesight, to allow יעקב to receive the _____.

QUESTION:

Why does רש"י need to explain this at all?

Isn't it obvious from the פסוק that this was a result of old age?

ANSWER:

In last week's Parsha, Hashem blessed יצחק in a special way.

Therefore, old age itself should not have caused him to lose his eyesight.

(Especially since, relatively speaking, יצחק was not so _____ at that time.

Also, up until this point we have not learned of anyone losing their eyesight when they aged).

Since it is difficult to understand that this would happen to יצחק as a result of old age, רש"י

explains that that must have been something else that caused it, and gives these 3 explanations.

LIFE LESSON:

According to the third explanation in רש"י, there was no specific event that caused יצחק to lose his eyesight. It was only because Hashem wanted יעקב to receive the ברכות and not עשו.

Although Hashem could simply have told יצחק the truth about עשו, He did not tell him anything.

If Hashem was so careful not to talk badly about עשו, this teaches us an important _____

of how careful we must be not to speak badly about a fellow Jew!

Further discussion:

- According to the first explanation in רש"י, were עשו's wives' eyes also affected by the smoke? (See footnote 18 in the שיחה)



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